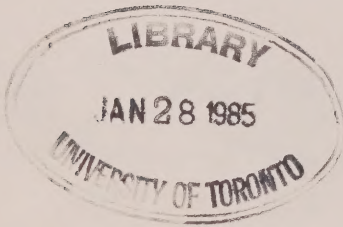



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OLDER PUPILS IN SCHOOL, 1931

A common experience of all provinces in the last two years has been an accumulation of older pupils in the schools. The tendency has been in evidence much longer than two years but has lately been accentuated by employment conditions. The following table shows how disproportionate the increase in older pupils has been as compared with the total increase, in the Prairie Provinces and Maritime, between 1929 and 1931. The 1931 figures for Quebec and Ontario are not yet available, and there is no record of pupils' ages in British Columbia.

	Pupils of 16 years and older		Percent increase in older pupils	Percent increase in pupils of all ages
	1929	1931		
Prince Edward Island	922	1,079	17.2	2.1
Nova Scotia	9,651	10,311	6.8	1.9
New Brunswick	3,150	3,651	15.9	3.3
Maritimes	13,723	15,041	9.6	2.5
Manitoba	9,294	12,121	33.9	2.0
Saskatchewan	12,770	17,489	36.8	1.2
Alberta	12,012	17,943	49.3	2.4
Prairie Provinces	34,076	47,553	39.5	1.8

In the Prairie Provinces as a whole the pupils over sixteen years increased 39.5 p.c. in the two years, while pupils at all ages increased only 1.8 p.c. In the Maritimes the increases were 9.6 p.c. and 2.5 p.c.

Complementary to the record of older pupils is that of more advanced pupils, as the next table shows. The increased attendance in high school grades in the two years was 11.9 p.c. in the Maritimes, 24.2 p.c. in the Prairie Provinces, and 13.2 p.c. in British Columbia.

	Pupils in high school grades		Percent increase in high school pupils	Percent increase in all pupils
	1929	1931		
Prince Edward Island	1,609	1,888	17.3	2.1
Nova Scotia	12,531	13,852	10.5	1.9
New Brunswick	4,144	4,734	14.2	3.3
Maritimes	18,284	20,474	11.9	2.5
Manitoba	15,292	18,344	20.0	2.0
Saskatchewan	22,594	28,582	26.5	1.2
Alberta	19,433	24,266	24.8	2.4
Prairie Provinces	57,319	71,192	24.2	1.8
British Columbia	16,043	18,165	13.2	4.0

